



The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

DEPARTMENT OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND ENERGY

NOTICE OF FILING AND PUBLIC HEARING

D.T.E. 05-47

July 12, 2005

Petition of NSTAR Gas Company for approval by the Department of Telecommunications and Energy pursuant to G.L. c. 164, §94A, to accept a release of long-term transportation capacity under an agreement with Dartmouth Power Associates Limited Partnership.

On June 30, 2005, NSTAR Gas Company ("NSTAR" or "Company") filed a petition with the Department of Telecommunications and Energy ("Department") for approval of its Firm Transportation Agreement with Dartmouth Power Associates Limited Partnership ("Dartmouth Power") whereby Dartmouth Power will permanently release transportation capacity on the interstate pipeline owned and operated by Algonquin Gas Transmission Company to NSTAR. As a result of the Agreement, NSTAR states it will add firm primary transportation capacity to its resource portfolio with a maximum daily quantity of 14,010 MMBtu. The Agreement covers a period in excess of one year and is therefore subject to the Department's jurisdiction under G.L. c. 164, § 94A. This matter has been docketed as D.T.E. 05-47.

The Department will hold a public hearing to receive comments on NSTAR's petition. The hearing will take place on **Thursday, July 28, 2005**, at 3:00 p.m. at the Department's offices, One South Station, 2nd Floor, Boston, Massachusetts, 02110. A procedural conference will follow immediately thereafter. The petition and accompanying exhibits are available for inspection at the Company's office, NSTAR Gas Company, One NSTAR Way, Westwood, Massachusetts, 02090, and at the Department's offices, Monday through Friday, between the hours of 9:00 A.M. and 5:00 P.M.

Any person who desires to file written comments or to participate otherwise in this proceeding shall file an original and four (4) copies of such written comments or petition for leave to intervene in the proceeding with Mary L. Cottrell, Secretary, Department of Telecommunications and Energy, One South Station, Boston, Massachusetts, 02110, no later than 5:00 p.m. on **Monday, July 25, 2005**, and serve one copy on counsel for the Company,

A petition for leave to intervene must satisfy the timing and substantive requirements of 220 C.M.R. § 1.03. Receipt by the Department, not mailing, constitutes filing and determines whether a petition has been timely filed. A petition filed late may be disallowed as untimely, unless good cause is shown for waiver under 220 C.M.R. § 1.01(4). To be allowed, a petition under 220 C.M.R. § 1.03(1) must satisfy the standing requirements of G.L. c. 30A, § 10.

Any person desiring further information regarding this notice may contact:
Carol M. Pieper, Hearing Officer, Department of Telecommunications and Energy, One South
Station, Boston, Massachusetts, 02110, tel. (617) 305-3561.

/s/
Mary L. Cottrell, Secretary